STAND. COM. REP. NO. 784

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 6 2015

RE: S.B. No. 64 S.D. 3

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 64, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for subsidies, three positions, and contract services for the continued implementation of the preschool open doors program.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; State Early Learning Advisory Board; Aha Punana Leo; YMCA of Honolulu; Childcare Business Coalition; Protecting Hawaii's Ohana, Children, Under Served, Elderly and Disabled; Family Programs Hawaii; HE'E Coalition; Good Beginnings Alliance; Hawaii Association for Infant Mental Health; KCAA Preschools of Hawaii; Olive Baptist Preschool; and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that the preschool open doors program is Hawaii's school readiness program that allows approximately one thousand three hundred children to attend licensed preschools to prepare them for kindergarten entry. Your Committee further finds that this program provides a valuable lifeline to moderate and low income families by providing critical subsidies for their children to attend licensed preschools. Your Committee notes that this appropriation is only for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, and that the proponents of this program should advocate for additional funds in the executive budget going forward.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amounts to unspecified sums; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 64, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 64, S.D. 3.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)		V			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne		V			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.		V			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		1/			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood		V,			,
HARIMOTO, Breene		V			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					
RIVIERE, Gil		V			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.					
SLOM, Sam					
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